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**APPLICANT:** E. Bayne Carew      **GROUP ART:** 1723  
**SERIAL NO.:** 09/931,510      **EXAMINER:** To Be Assigned  
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AND METHOD OF UTILIZING SAME

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), 1.97(e)(1) AND 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and 98 and also in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

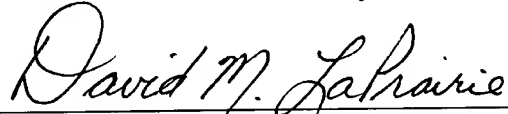
None of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application. Furthermore, each of these items were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and none of these items were known more than three months prior to the filing of the subject Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This Supplemental Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits so no fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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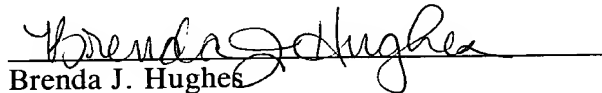


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